

SENATE RESOLUTION 73
By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Rachel Anne Hammons for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Anne Hammons is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris; Rachel's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the daughter of Estes and Mary Hammons of Brighton, Tennessee, Rachel serves as Middle School Volleyball Coach and Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach for Tipton Rosemark Academy; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Rachel has achieved academic success while majoring in Communications and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; she is a member of the Honors Program and is enrolled on the Dean's List; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Rachel Hammons brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2005 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Rachel excelled at handling constituent services by telephone, was very attentive to the unglamorous routine office chores, and applied the considerable asset of her sparkling personality to the office atmosphere; well-liked by the members of the general Assembly, the staff and her peers, she was voted most friendly by her fellow interns; and

WHEREAS, quick to take a part in group activities, Ms. Hammons served as her intern class softball coach and participated in the intern-member basketball game; back at the University of Memphis, she is actively involved at Greenlaw Baptist Church in Raleigh, and she has served as co-sponsor for the Kids For Wish Kids program, an affiliate of the Make A Wish program; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's dramatic side is evidenced by her appreciation for shoes that sparkle and her penchant for the occasional in-office ballet twirl or tap dance step; an accomplished coffee maker and bill filer, she has been known to recharge her energy by scavenging for unexpected Twix Bars hiding out in Scott Sloan's desk; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2005 legislative session, Rachel has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; the legislative members and staff of the office of Senator Mark Norris, with whom she worked, recognize the positive contributions that she made to the office and to the constituents of the 32nd Senate district, and she will be greatly missed by all; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hammons has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Rachel Anne Hammons for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mark Norris and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.